Exports:

(1) Assistance to exporters for loan in foreign exchange for brand promotion.

(2) Launching of new logo for Darjeeling tea to counter misbranding of other teas as Darjeeling tea.

(3) Uni-national campaign in ARE and Saudi Arabia.

(4) Exemption of Tea bags from ex-Excise Duty.

(5) Abolition of Customs duty on filter paper used in manufacture of tea bags.

(6) Promotion campaign through various offices of Tea Board abroad.

(7) A rebate of additional Excise Duty at the rate of 50 ps/150ps on export of bulk tea.

(8) Full rebate of additional Excise Duty on packet tea exports.

Manufacture of X-ray films by Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited

3899. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Photo films Manufacturing Company Limited (HPF) is manufacturing/producing Medical X-Ray Photo Graphic Films or importing jumbo rolls for slitting and confectioning;

(b) what is its installed capacity and production achievement;

(c) what are the names and details of Medical X-Ray Photo Graphic Films Manufacturers and their installed capacity; and

(d) whether Research Organisation has developed indigenous technical know-how for manufacturing Medical X-Ray Photo Graphic Films, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Hindustan Photo Films (HPF) is manufacturing medical X-ray films (celulose Tri-Acctate base) through an integrated process of coating, slitting & confectioning. The requirement of medical X-ray films (Polyester base) is met by conversion from imported jumbo rolls.

(b) HPF's installed capacity and actual production of medical X-ray film during 1990-91 are 4.162 million sq.m. and 3.824 million sq.m. respectively.

(c) HPF is the only unit undertaking integrated manufacture of CTA based medical X-ray films;

(d) M/s. Garware plastic & Polyester Ltd., Bombay is stated to have developed a technology on a bench scale for coating of raw polyester film to be used as X-ray film. They have been issued a letter of intent for manufacture of X-ray film (Polyester base) with a capacity of 3 million sq. m.

Licences for car/motor cycle manufacturing

3900. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms fixed for issue of lisences for manufacture and expansion plans for car and mortor-cycles in the country;

(b) whether the present policy of Government is consonant with the supply position of petroleum and its products in the country; and

(c) if not whether Government propose to take any steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) *to* (c) Under the New Industrial Policy, manufacture of all types of automobiles except motor cars, have been delicenced. As regards motor (passenger) cars, setting up of new units for the manufacture of cars based on coventional fuels are not being permitted. However Government is encouraging manufacture of passenger cars based on non-conventional sources of energy like photovoltaic power, electric power etc. as these would lead to conservation of fossil fuels including petroleum.

Grant of ownership rights of flatted factories in Okhla

3901. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3179 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) the details of the norms laid down for deciding the eligibility for grant of ownership rights of flatted fatories in Okhla by Delhi Administration ;

(b) the total number of eligible units identified in this regard and the number of eligible units granted ownership rights out of the total as on 31st December, 1991;

(c) the number of eligible units left out and the reasons thereof; and

(d) when these units are likely to be given ownership rights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) *to* (c) According to Delhi Administration, allottees who were functioning in the allotted promises and were not guilty of any violations of lease terms, were eligible for transfer of premises on hire purchase basis. 73 units were identified as eligible units for grant of benefit under the scheme. However, none of them could be granted ownership rights because the offer was not accepted by the concerned units.

(d) Question does not arise.

Payment of flatted factories by allottees in Okhla

3902. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3179 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allottees of flatted factory at Okhla, Delhi have been asked to pay full cost of the flats in lump sum;

(b) whether Government have received any representation against the way of calculating the cost of the flats and on the mode of payment; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken on the representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN): (a) *to* (c) Yes Sir, according to Delhi Administration, it was intended to offer allotment on hire purchase basis w.e.f. 1-1-87 but the scheme could not work as the Association kept on objecting to it. The scheme was to expire on 31-12-91; as such, demands on full costs basis were issued to enable allottees to avail of the benefits of scheme. Now the Association and some allottees have challenged various aspects of the scheme including costings before the Delhi High Court and the matter is sub-judice.

Casual labourers in praga Tools Limited, Secunderabad

3903. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of casual labourers (Painters) have been working in PRAGA TOOLS LIMITED since 1986; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether some of those casual labourers have since been regularised;

(c) the reasons for not absorbing the remaining casual labourers;

(d) whether they are proposed to be absorbed in near future; and

(e) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL) was earlier engaging casual labourers/painters depending on the exigencies of work. A total of 19 casual painters were working intermitently in the Company as follows:—

15 casual painters since	1986
16 casual painters since	1987
18 casual painters since	1988
19 casual painters since	1989

(b) to (e) 10 casual labourers (painters) were appointed as Artisan Traineers in December, 1990. Considering the workload, the Company has not been engaging any casual labourers (painters) since April, 1991.

Representation against use of Polyurethane in refrigerators

3904. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, representations have been received from the Convenor of Glass Fiber Manufacturers' Association, New Delhi pleading strongly against use of Polyurethane Foam (PUF) in refrigerators in place of much safer glass wool insulation; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have examined the representation and have found that